

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-13, 15-19 and 21-60 are pending, with claims 1, 7, 13, 19, 25 and 40 being independent. Claims 25-60 have been added.

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-13 and 15-19 were previously rejected for obviousness-type double patenting in view of claims 1-15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,246,453. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection for the reasons noted below.

Independent claim 1 is directed to a method of driving a reflective type liquid crystal display that includes, among other elements, a reflective layer. The method includes producing a parallel electric field between first and second electrodes, and driving liquid crystal material by the parallel electric field such that the liquid crystal material is oriented in a hybrid alignment nematic mode. Nothing in claims 1-15 of the '453 patent would have led one of ordinary skill in the art to drive a reflective type liquid crystal display in the manner recited. Indeed, the claims of the '453 patent do not even describe or suggest using a reflective layer or a liquid crystal material, let alone generating a parallel electric field such that liquid crystal material is oriented in a hybrid alignment nematic mode. Accordingly, for at least these reasons, the rejection of claim 1 and the claims depending from claim 1 should be withdrawn.

Independent claims 7, 13 and 19, like independent claim 1, are directed to methods of driving a reflective type liquid crystal display that includes, among other elements, a reflective layer. Like the method of claim 1, the methods of claims 7, 13 and 19 include producing a parallel electric field between the first and second electrodes, and driving liquid crystal material by the parallel electric field such that the liquid crystal material is oriented in a hybrid alignment nematic mode. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 7, 13 and 19 and the claims depending from them should be withdrawn for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1.

As noted in the prior response, pending claims 21-24 were not rejected. Therefore, these claims should be allowed.

Applicant asks that all claims be allowed.

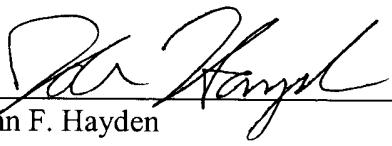
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